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SUBJECT: NAC MEETING 14 MAY 75: AGENDA ITEM V - NATO AIRBORNE

WARNING AND CONTROL SYSTEM

REF: A. USNATO 2461

B. USDELMC 386-75 (NOTAL)

C. USDELMC 398-75 (NOTAL)

1. THE COUNCIL RECEIVED BRIEF REPORTS FROM DR TUCKER, ASYG FOR DEFENSE SUPPORT, AND LT GEN SCHMUCKLE, DIRECTOR, IMS, ON THE CNAD AND MILITARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO DEFENSE MINISTERS IN MAY ON A NATO AIRBORNE WARNING AND CONTROL SYSTEM (AWACS). THESE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE CONTAINED IN PO/75/54 (FORWARDED BY REF A) AND MCM-30-75 (FORWARDED BY REFS B AND C).

2. THE COUNCIL AGREED TO PLACE THE NATO AIRBORNE WARNING AND CONTROL SYSTEM ON THE DPC MINISTERIAL AGENDA AND TO CERTAIN PROCEDURES WHICH WILL MAKE FRENCH AND GREEK IN-CONFIDENTIAL

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PUTS KNOWN TO DEFENSE MINISTERS AND TO KEEP FRANCE AND GREECE INFORMED OF THE RESULTS. WHILE THIS WAS ALL THE COUNCIL HAD BEEN ASKED TO DO, SEVERAL NATIONS (DENMARK, GREECE, THE NETHERLANDS AND NORWAY) USED THE OPPORTUNITY

TO CALL ATTENTION TO THE RESERVATIONS AND CONCERNS THEY HAD DOCUMENTED AS FOOTNOTES TO PO/75/54 AND MCM-30-75. OTHER NATIONS (FRG, UK, AND CANADA) STATED THEIR STRONG SUPPORT FOR ENTERING CONTRACT DEFINITION STUDIES AND THEIR WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE WITH FUNDING AND PERSONNEL.

3. DE ROSE (FRANCE) STATED THAT FRANCE WOULD CONTRIBUTE FUNDS AND PERSONNEL FOR THE CONTRACT DEFINITION STUDIES, BUT THAT IT MUST RESERVE ITS POSITION ON THE CONCEPT FOR USE OF THE SYSTEM WHICH APPEARS INCOMPATIBLE WITH FRANCE'S PARTICIPATION IN NATO INTEGRATED FORCES. WHILE FRANCE HAS ALWAYS USED A PRO FORMA RESERVATION WITH RESPECT TO RECOMMENDATIONS FROM NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES (NMA'S) THIS IS THE FIRST TIME FRANCE HAS BEEN THIS VOCAL AND SPECIFIC WITH RESPECT TO THE NMA'S CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS.

4. THEODOROPOLOUS (GREECE) STATED A SIMILAR RESERVATION FOR GREECE, AND ALSO ENTERED A RESERVATION ON THE USE OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE COST SHARING RATION AS A STARTING POINT FOR DETERMINING NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO ANY EVENTUAL PROGRAM BECAUSE OF CERTAIN ADVANTAGES ACCRUING TO NATIONS IN INFRASTRUCTURE LAND-BASED PROGRAMS WHICH WOULD NOT APPLY TO AN AIRBORNE SYSTEM.

5. PECK (UK) STATED THE UK WAS CONTINUING WITH PROJECT DEFINITION OF THE UK NIMROD SYSTEM, BUT THAT IT SUPPORTED THE US E-3A STUDIES AND WAS PROCEEDING WITH THE NIMROD ONLY AS A FALL-BACK ALTERNATIVE.
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